

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A window blind comprising: a hollow horizontal headrail; a bottom rail disposed under said hollow horizontal headrail; a slat unit including a plurality of slats disposed one above the other between said hollow horizontal headrail and said bottom rail; a pair of pull ropes, each of which has a first section that extends through and that is suspended from said hollow horizontal headrail, a second section that is opposite to said first section and that is connected removably to said bottom rail, and a middle-section that interconnects said first and second sections and that passes through said slats; and a ladder-type slat support for supporting said slats, including first and second side cords, each of which has a first end portion that extends into said hollow horizontal headrail, a second end portion that is opposite to said first end portion and that is connected removably to said bottom rail, and a middle portion that interconnects said first and second end portions, and a plurality of rungs, each of which supports a respective one of said slats, and has a first end coupled to said middle portion of said first side cord, and a second end coupled removably to said middle portion of said second side cord.

2. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said second end of a respective one of said rungs, and a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord to engage releasably and respectively said first connectors, one of said first and second connectors being a loop, the other one of said first and second connectors being a hook.

3. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said second end of a respective one of said rungs, a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord, and a plurality of third connectors for interconnecting releasably a respective one of said first connectors and a respective one of

said second connectors, wherein said first and second connectors are loops, and said third connectors are hooks.

4. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said third connectors is S-shaped.

5. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said third connectors is U-shaped.

6. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said second end of a respective one of said rungs, a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord, and at least a third connector for engaging releasably a set of said first connectors and a set of said second connectors, wherein said first and second connectors are loops, and said third connector is a tie cord that is extended through said first and second connectors and that has opposite ends, at least one of which is connected removably to said middle portion of said second side cord.

7. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said second end of a respective one of said rungs, and a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord to engage releasably and respectively said first connectors, one of said first and second connectors being a loop, the other one of said first and second connectors being a ball member.

8. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said second end of a respective one of said rungs, and a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord to engage releasably and respectively said first connectors, one of said first and second connectors being a female connector, the other one of said first and second connectors being a male connector.

9. (Withdrawn) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ladder-type slat support further includes a plurality of first connectors, each of which is provided on said

second end of a respective one of said rungs, and a plurality of second connectors provided on said middle portion of said second side cord to engage releasably and respectively said first connectors, one of said first and second connectors being a button hole, the other one of said first and second connectors being a button.